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In re Patent Application of:

Ramesh A. Bhat, et al.

Application No.: 09/429,832

Art Unit: 1646

Filed: October 29, 1999

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For: NOVEL HUMAN ESTROGEN RECEPTOR

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2003 (Paper No. 16), finally rejecting claims 17, 18, and 28-41, and the Advisory Action dated December 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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